

Clinton County District Board

May 21, 2007

CONVENE

Board Chairman Kloeckner called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 21, 2007 at the Board Room. Attendance: Beckmann, Present: Fix, Present: Heiligenstein, Present: Hitpas, Present: Holtgrave, Present: Huelsmann, Present: Kloeckner, Present: Murray, Present: Pingsterhaus, Present: Raymond, Present: Roper, Present: Schroeder, Absent: Sullivan, Absent: Craig Taylor, Present: Jack Taylor, Present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion/Vote - Approval of Minutes

Raymond made a motion to to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Holtgrave seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Beckmann (Yes), Fix (Yes), Heiligenstein (Yes), Hitpas (Yes), Holtgrave (Yes), Huelsmann (Yes), Kloeckner (Yes), Murray (Yes), Pingsterhaus (Yes), Raymond (Yes), Roper (Yes), Schroeder (Absent), Sullivan (Absent), Craig Taylor (Yes), Jack Taylor (Yes).

BOARD OF REVIEW

Linda Mensing, Supervisor of Assessments, addressed the Board concerning the Board of Review. Normally their work has been completed by the end of May, but a total of 260 complaints have been filed and the Board of Review hearings will run after the June 1st appointment date. She asked that the current board be allowed to finish their 2006 duties. She said both her and Al Brueggemann, Chairman of the Board of Review, are in agreement with the States Attorney's letter dated May 17, 2007, which is to see what the Attorney General's opinion on which election results to use when determining the make-up of the Board. At last month's meeting the names of Susan Hollenkamp and Wayne Keifer were submitted for appointment. States Attorney Bergmann informed the board that if they do not take action of the new appointments, the current board would retain their positions. The Board can appoint an alternate member to help out because of the excess work load of the quadrennial year. This is the States Attorneys recommendation. Bergmann said he should receive an opinion from the Attonrey General's office before the next board meeting and he will share that information with both parties.

Motion/Vote - Board of Review Appointment

Huelsmann made a motion to to appoint Wayne Kiefer as an alternate member to the Board of Review effective June 1, 2007. Craig Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Beckmann (Yes), Fix (Yes), Heiligenstein (Yes), Hitpas (Yes), Holtgrave (Yes), Huelsmann (Yes), Kloeckner (Yes), Murray (Yes), Pingsterhaus (Yes), Raymond (Yes), Roper (Yes), Schroeder (Absent), Sullivan (Absent), Craig Taylor (Yes), Jack Taylor (Yes).

BOARD OF REVIEW (Continued)

By not taking any action on voting on the other appointments, the current board will continue to serve.

APPOINTMENTS

For the Board's information, Robert Beckmeyer has been reappointed as a member of the Wheatfield Township Fire Protection District for another three year term.

Motion/Vote - Appointment - Aviston Fire PD

Huelsmann made a motion to to approve the appointment of Kevin Litteken as Trustee of the Aviston Fire Protection District for a three year term. Craig Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Beckmann (Yes), Fix (Yes), Heiligenstein (Yes), Hitpas (Yes), Holtgrave (Yes), Huelsmann (Yes), Kloeckner (Yes), Murray (Yes), Pingsterhaus (Yes), Raymond (Yes), Roper (Yes), Schroeder (Absent), Sullivan (Absent), Craig Taylor (Yes), Jack Taylor (Yes).

CLINTON COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICES

LaDean Schuerer gave a report on the various programs and projects the Extension Service offers. She reported John Raymond and Lavern Holtgrave have both been certified as county officials completing the course offered by the Extension Service.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

John Raymond reported he has been approached to increase the cost of mileage reimbursement. He asked the Board to consider an increase from the current \$.405 a mile to the federal allowed amount of \$.485 a mile. This would be effective December 1, 2007. Chairman Kloeckner asked the Finance Committee to review and make their recommendation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Kloeckner read a thank you note the board received from the family of Margaret LaCaze.

COUNTY FARM COMMITTEE

Craig Taylor reported the Animal Control Warden has been averaging 15 calls a week to pick up dogs. The Warden is trying to cut down on his overtime worked.

INSURANCE TRUST/Area Agency on Aging

Raymond reported he and Fix had attended an ICIT meeting on May 16th and are beginning to get more information. He checked with the Treasurer to make sure the county is making the bond and the interest payments. Raymond has asked the ICIT Board if they would send some members here to explain the workings of the Trust to the entire Board. Raymond and Chairman Kloeckner will get something set up in the near future.

The Committee met and have finished grading the grant requests concerning the Area Agency on Aging. Next month they will be able to define more where the money will be appropriated for senior services in the County.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Raymond reported his committee received a letter from Central Management Services in Springfield concerning a different health insurance plan. The Committee agreed not to pursue it now. Raymond also mentioned the committee had attended an information meeting with UCCI who is gathering information to offer a group health plan through them.

Raymond received the annual Meritain Health report. For the month of April 2007, medical and prescription charges were \$85,545.00. During the previous six months we had averaged a total of \$47,158.96. Comparison BC/BS - The 2005 monthly premium was \$64,679.00. The premium for 2006 would have been increased to \$82,142.00 a month. Using these figures and the actual savings during the past year the county was \$209,566.00.

UNINCORPORATED AREA IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Roper did not have an update on New Memphis project. His committee has met with Royal Lakes Resort # 2 and HM&G Engineers. The estimated cost of the sewer project is \$1.5 million. The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Pingsterhaus reported a luncheon meeting is scheduled for May 23rd at 1:00 p.m. in the board room.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Heiligenstein reported the pre-registration for the Continuing Education Programs has been very high. The July meeting has been canceled.

#708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Huelsmann reported his committee had met with representatives of the Community Resource Center and Community Link. The next meeting will be June 5th with representatives of Clinton Co Advocates for Recreational Activity and the Alzheimer Association.

GIS COMMITTEE

Beckmann said all the bills were in order. His Committee expressed condolences to the Dan Jones family. Mr. Jones had been a member of the GIS Committee. The next meeting will be May 29th at 5:00 p.m.

RC&D COUNCIL

No Report

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Huelsmann reported the boxes are in for recycling program and Sheriff Kreke will get them to the Courthouse. UPS will pick them up and the company will begin reimbursing the County as soon as they receive \$50 worth of used cartridges.

TOURISM COMMITTEE

Holtgrave reported letters have been sent to area Mayors asking them to finalize special events in their communities for updating the tourism brochure. The Committee will meet the third Wednesday each month at the Hidden Lake Winery near Aviston at 6:00 p.m.

911 COMMITTEE

Fix reported his committee met May 9th and are looking at an agreement or ordinance for numbering of plats and subdivisions.

PERSONNEL/LABOR COMMITTEE

Hitpas said his committee met May 15th and continued working on the personnel policy revisions. They are addressing the Drug free awareness program and drug free workforce policy. The next meeting is June 12th.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL/VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Murray reported on the informational meeting of May 3rd. The guest speaker was unable to attend and did not have a replacement. The County will be getting a new Veterans Affairs' representative and Murray will try to set up another meeting this Fall.

ZONING/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE

Bergmann asked the board to go into executive session at the end of this meeting regarding a pending lawsuit.

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a Map amendment request of Ralph and Shirley Twenhafel to rezone 11.28 acres from Agricultural (A) to Commercial Residential (R-2) and 2.27 acres from Agricultural (A) to Commercial. Merle Moehle, and adjoining property owner, has filed a protest. States Attorney Bergmann said the Zoning Board only made a single recommendation, despite Twenhafel's request for two zoning classifications. States Attorney Bergmann recommends sending it back to the Zoning Board for a separate recommendation for each request.

Motion/Vote - Ralph & Shirley Twenhafel request

Hitpas made a motion to to submit it back to Zoning Board of Appeals for reconsideration. Holtgrave seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Beckmann (Yes), Fix (Yes), Heiligenstein (Yes), Hitpas (Yes), Holtgrave (Yes), Huelsmann (Yes), Kloeckner (Yes), Murray (Yes), Pingsterhaus (Yes), Raymond (Yes), Roper (Yes), Schroeder (Absent), Sullivan (Absent), Craig Taylor (Yes), Jack Taylor (Yes).

ZONING/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE (Continued)

Mr. Bill Crain asked what information the board members received in their packets and was told they received a detailed account of the submissions they had. Crain questioned sending it back to the Zoning Board to address these issues when the application was full and complete, it contained all communication of the County Engineer, the CIS report, overviews of property, plats of property, letters of support and opposition and a transcript of proceedings. Crain said he doesn't understand what else they are supposed to do.

States Attorney Bergmann wanted to allow Crain to make his statement because he is entitled to do so. He said the Board can readdress the issue. Hitpas said he retracts nothing. the Board will stand on its original decision.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ESDA COMMITTEE

No Report

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SWIIDA/SCIGA

No Report

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

Engineer Behrens reported the County Highway # 8 (Aviston-Albers Road) resurfacing project will be bid in Springfield on June 15th.

Motion/Vote - Wheatfield Township Petition

Jack Taylor made a motion to to approve a petition from Wheatfield Township for 50% county match for a culvert on Beaver Road. Beckmann seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Beckmann (Yes), Fix (Yes), Heiligenstein (Yes), Hitpas (Yes), Holtgrave (Yes), Huelsmann (Yes), Kloeckner (Yes), Murray (Yes), Pingsterhaus (Yes), Raymond (Yes), Roper (Yes), Schroeder (Absent), Sullivan (Absent), Craig Taylor (Yes), Jack Taylor (Yes).

Motion/Vote - Equipment Bids

Murray made a motion to authorizing Engineer Behrens to take bids on a boom mower/ditcher and then for a tractor that will be compatible with the mower. Jack Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Beckmann (Yes), Fix (Yes), Heiligenstein (Yes), Hitpas (Yes), Holtgrave (Yes), Huelsmann (Yes), Kloeckner (Yes), Murray (Yes), Pingsterhaus (Yes), Raymond (Yes), Roper (Yes), Schroeder (Absent), Sullivan (Absent), Craig Taylor (Yes), Jack Taylor (Yes).

FINANCE/HEALTH SERVICES/REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Treasurer Mueller reported 1,343 Mobile Home tax bills were mailed for a total of \$102,069.51 to be collected.

Hidden Lake Winery loan is progressing well. Mueller recommends the Finance Committee grant final approval of their loan.

Motion/Vote - Approve Construction Payments

Jack Taylor made a motion to to approve payment of bills from Luitjohan Flooring \$780.14 for floor covering at the Annex and Rehkemper Construction \$11,333.00 for remodeling the GIS office.

Fix seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Beckmann (Yes), Fix (Yes), Heiligenstein (Yes), Hitpas (Yes), Holtgrave (Yes), Huelsmann (Yes), Kloeckner (Yes), Murray (Yes), Pingsterhaus (Yes), Raymond (Yes), Roper (Yes), Schroeder (Absent), Sullivan (Absent), Craig Taylor (Yes), Jack Taylor (Yes).

Motion/Vote - Monthly Budget & Financial Report

Raymond made a motion to to approve the monthly Budget and Financial Report of the Treasurer's Office. Craig Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Beckmann (Yes), Fix (Yes), Heiligenstein (Yes), Hitpas (Yes), Holtgrave (Yes), Huelsmann (Yes), Kloeckner (Yes), Murray (Yes), Pingsterhaus (Yes), Raymond (Yes), Roper (Yes), Schroeder (Absent), Sullivan (Absent), Craig Taylor (Yes), Jack Taylor (Yes).

Motion/Vote - Health Department Monthly Report

Jack Taylor made a motion to to accept the monthly report of the County Health Department. Raymond seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Beckmann (Yes), Fix (Yes), Heiligenstein (Yes), Hitpas (Yes), Holtgrave (Yes), Huelsmann (Yes), Kloeckner (Yes), Murray (Yes), Pingsterhaus (Yes), Raymond (Yes), Roper (Yes), Schroeder (Absent), Sullivan (Absent), Craig Taylor (Yes), Jack Taylor (Yes).

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Craig Taylor reported the next meeting is May 29th at 6:00 p.m.

GENERAL SERVICES/JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Craig Taylor reported all bills were in order.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE

Holtgrave reported they are meeting tonight at 9:00 p.m. at the Crossroad Restaurant.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

No Report

Motion/Vote - Accounts Payable

Vice Chairman Craig Taylor made a motion to to approve payment of the Accounts Payable Claims. Pingsterhaus seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Beckmann (Yes), Fix (Yes), Heiligenstein (Yes), Hitpas (Yes), Holtgrave (Yes), Huelsmann (Yes), Kloeckner (Yes), Murray (Yes), Pingsterhaus (Yes), Raymond (Yes), Roper (Yes), Schroeder (Absent), Sullivan (Absent), Craig Taylor (Yes), Jack Taylor (Yes).

Motion/Vote - Executive Session

Hitpas made a motion to to go into Executive Session concerning a zoning issue. Craig Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Beckmann (Yes), Fix (Yes), Heiligenstein (Yes), Hitpas (Yes), Holtgrave (Yes), Huelsmann (Yes), Kloeckner (Yes), Murray (Yes), Pingsterhaus (Yes), Raymond (Yes),

Roper (Yes), Schroeder (Absent), Sullivan (Absent), Craig Taylor (Yes), Jack Taylor (Yes).

RECONVENE

The board reconvened from executive session with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Craig Taylor made a motion to adjourn Fix seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote.

Attest:

Thomas LaCaze/County Clerk